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Main Committees

Fifth Committee

First part of the resumed session

10:00 to 13:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
	Informal consultations on:	
	Agenda item 147 (Financing of the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals: Construction Arusha branch (A/69/734 and A/69/788))	
	Agenda item 132 (Programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015: Capital master plan (A/69/360, A/69/5 (Vol.V)*, A/69/353 (Chapt. III) and A/69/529))	
15:00 to 18:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
	Informal consultations on:	
	Agenda item 137 (Human resources management (A/69/190, A/69/190/Add.1, A/69/190/Add.2, A/69/190/Add.2/Corr.1, A/69/190/Add.3, A/69/190/Add.4, A/69/292, A/69/292/Add.1, A/69/283, A/69/117, A/69/332 and A/69/572))	
	Agenda item 138 (Joint Inspection Unit (A/69/34 and A/69/747))	

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General Assembly

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations
2015 substantive session

Sub-working Group 4

10:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room A

Sub-working Group 2

10:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room C

Sub-working Group 1

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room A

Sub-working Group 3

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room C

Consideration of the draft report by the Working Group of the Whole (A/69/642, A/69/642/Add.1 and A/69/651) [item 7]

[Background information on the Special Committee is available and accessible to Committee members and observers by *clicking here*. For inquiries regarding user names and passwords or inclusion in the Committee mailing list, kindly contact Mr. Dino Del Vasto (e-mail del-vasto@un.org).

Members and observers of the Special Committee who wish to be included in the list of participants should communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Special Committee, Ms. Sonia Elliott (e-mail elliotts@un.org; Room S-3064; fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.]

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 10

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 10

1. Support account for peacekeeping operations
2. Executive meeting
3. Programme budget implications – Statute of the United Nations Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela Prize

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United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf
Thirty-seventh session

10:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 6

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 6

Economic and Social Council

Commission on the Status of Women
Fifty-ninth session

10:00 (*Parallel meetings*) — 3rd meeting [webcast] — Conference Rooms 4 and 1

Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" [item 3]

(a) Implementation of strategic objectives and action in critical areas of concern and further actions and initiatives: review and appraisal of the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcomes of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly (pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 2013/18)

(i) Overall theme: priorities for future action to realize gender equality, the empowerment of women and the human rights of women and girls (E/CN.6/2015/3 and E/CN.6/2015/4)

Parallel ministerial round tables on "Priorities for future action to realize gender equality, the empowerment of women and the human rights of women and girls"

10:00 to 13:00 — Conference Room 4

10:00 to 11:30 — Round table A: Making the economy work for women and girls

11:30 to 13:00 — Round table B: Investing in gender equality and the empowerment of women

10:00 to 13:00 — Conference Room 1

10:00 to 11:30 — Round table C: Transforming politics and public life to achieve gender equality

11:30 to 13:00 — Round table D: Accountability for realizing de facto equality for women and girls

15:00 to 18:00 — 4th meeting [webcast] — General Assembly Hall[1]

Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" [item 3]

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[1]Conference Room 1 will serve as overflow room.

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(a) Implementation of strategic objectives and action in critical areas of concern and further actions and initiatives: review and appraisal of the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcomes of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly (pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 2013/18) (E/CN.6/2015/3 and E/CN.6/2015/4)

(b) Emerging issues, trends and new approaches to issues affecting the situation of women or equality between women and men

(c) Gender mainstreaming, situations and programmatic matters (E/CN.6/2015/5, E/CN.6/2015/6-A/HRC/29/3 and E/CN.6/2015/9)

Continuation of general discussion

[Additional information on the work of the Commission can be found on the Commission Website (*click here*). To consult the list of side events on the occasion of the fifty-ninth session of the Commission, please *click here*.

The list of speakers for the general discussion *is closed* since 13:00 on Monday, 9 March 2015. Any changes to the existing inscriptions should be sent, in writing, to the Secretary of the Commission (c/o Ms. Catalina de Leon (e-mail leonc@un.org; Room S-1284; fax 1 (212) 963-5935), with a copy to Ms. Jacqueline Aidenbaum (e-mail aidenbaum@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)).

Members of the Commission, as well as observers, who wish to participate, are requested to inform the Secretary of the Commission, Mr. Moncef Khane, of the composition of their delegations as soon as possible (c/o Ms. Jacqueline Aidenbaum (e-mail aidenbaum@un.org; Room S-1271; fax 1 (212) 963-5935, with a copy to Ms. Catalina de Leon (e-mail leonc@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)).

Delegates are informed that PaperSmart services will be offered as an additional service for the fifty-ninth session of the Commission. Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically

through the PaperSmart portal should send a copy of the statement at least *one hour* in advance of delivery to papersmart3@un.org.

The date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be made available on the Commission's PaperSmart portal.

Information on the participation of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in the work of the Commission has been posted (*click here*).

As requested in relevant resolutions, the reports by the relevant special procedures of the Human Rights Council are brought to the attention of the Commission on the Status of Women at its fifty-ninth session and can be accessed by *clicking here*.]

Economic and Social Council

2015 session
Informal consultations

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution of the operational activities segment (E/2015/L.3) convened by the Vice-President of the Council, Her Excellency María Emma Mejía Vélez (Colombia), and facilitated by Ms. Marcela Ordoñez (Colombia) will be held *today*, 10 March 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 9.

Other meetings

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Tuesday, 10 March 2015

Group of 77 (on Second Committee and related matters)

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 13

Other activities

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Tuesday, 10 March 2015

Opening of the exhibit entitled "Caesar photos: Inside Syrian authorities' prisons" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of France, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Turkey and the United Kingdom, the United States Mission, in collaboration by the Permanent Missions of Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Italy, Kuwait, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Norway, Sweden and the United Arab Emirates)

From 18:00 to 19:00, at the South Curved Wall Area in the Conference Building (First Floor).

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Pauline Dowdall, Permanent Mission of United Kingdom (e-mail pauline.dowdall@fco.gov.uk; tel. 1 (212) 745-9263).]

Press conferences

The schedule is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/sg/spokesperson/confschedule.asp.

Tuesday, 10 March 2015

Press Briefing Room (S-0237) [webcast]

11:00	Ms. Iryna Geraschenko, Special Representative of the President of Ukraine
12:00	Press briefing by the Spokesperson [*Guest:* Mr. Jeffrey Feltman, Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs]
12:45	Press conference on the report *2015 Map of Women in Politics – Data and rankings on women Members of Parliament (MPs) and women in executive government* by the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) [*Speakers:* Ms. Kareen Jabre, Director of the IPU Division of Programmes; and Ms. Begoña Lasagabaster, Chief of the Leadership and Governance Section of UN-Women]

General Assembly
Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction

The Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction will take place in Sendai, Japan from Saturday, 14 to Wednesday, 18 March 2015. The list of speakers *is open for inscriptions*. Delegations are kindly requested to contact the Secretariat, *in writing*, by e-mail (Ms. Antonina Poliakova (poliakova@un.org)). For additional information, please see page 15.

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly
Sixty-ninth session

The agenda of the sixty-ninth regular session of the General Assembly has been issued in document A/69/251 (see document A/69/252 for allocation of items). The annotated preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the sixty-ninth regular session of the General Assembly was issued in documents A/69/100 and A/69/100/Add.1. Please note that there is no predetermined programme of work for formal and informal meetings of the plenary for the resumed part of the session (1 January-14 September 2015). Meetings will be announced in the *Journal* when they are scheduled.

List of speakers

Delegations wishing to speak in the plenary meetings are kindly requested to inscribe with the list of speakers, General Assembly Affairs Branch (Ms. Antonina Poliakova, e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063; Room S-3082).

For the submission of a draft resolution for the plenary, please call 1 (212) 963-3818 (Room S-3053). Please *click here* for the guidelines for submission of draft resolutions in the General Assembly.

Announcement for Member States on issuance of communications

Delegations requesting issuance of communications as documents of the General Assembly should ensure that they are addressed to the Secretary-General and signed by the Permanent Representative or Chargé d'affaires of the Permanent Mission to the United Nations.

The communications should indicate the session of the General Assembly, and the number and title of the agenda item under which circulation is requested, using the agenda of the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly contained in document A/69/251.

Electronic versions in Microsoft Word should be sent to gaab@un.org, or to dpu-dgacm@un.org, to facilitate the processing of communications. If versions in any other United Nations official languages are available, they should be included with a clear indication of the original language and/or which language versions are to be used for reference only.

General Assembly

Sixty-ninth session

Informal meeting under agenda item 74 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

An informal meeting on the way forward on the recommendations adopted on 23 January 2015 by the Ad Hoc Open-ended Informal Working Group to study issues relating to the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity beyond areas of national jurisdiction will be held on Friday, 13 March 2015, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 8.

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

First part of the resumed session

The Fifth Committee will hold informal consultations (closed) on Wednesday, 11 March 2015, at 10:00, in Conference Room 5.

General Assembly

Disarmament Commission

2015 substantive session

The 2015 substantive session of the Disarmament Commission will be held from Monday, 6 April, to Friday, 24 April 2015. The opening meeting will take place on Monday, 6 April, at 10:00, in Conference Room 2. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers are invited to contact the secretariat (Ms. Lidija Komatina (e-mail komatina@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2378)). The secretariat would also appreciate it if delegations could communicate to the Disarmament and Peace Affairs

Branch via Note verbale (e-mail leu@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305), *as soon as possible*, the names of representative(s) who will participate in the work of the Disarmament Commission.

Committee on Contributions
Seventy-fifth session

The Committee on Contributions will hold its seventy-fifth session at Headquarters from Monday, 1 to Friday, 26 June 2015.

The attention of any Member States intending to request an exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations is drawn to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 54/237 C, in which the Assembly, *inter alia*, urges such Member States to provide the fullest possible supporting information.

The Assembly also decided that requests for exemption under Article 19 must be submitted by Member States at least two weeks before the session of the Committee on Contributions, so as to ensure a full review of the requests. Accordingly, any such requests should be received by the President of the General Assembly *no later than* Friday, 15 May 2015. For further information, kindly contact the Secretary of the Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5306; Room FF-610 (304 East 45th Street); fax 1 (212) 963-1943)).

The Committee on Contributions will also be considering multi-year payment plans submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/4 B, as reaffirmed in resolution 67/238. Any Member States intending to submit such a plan are also invited to contact the Secretary of the Committee for further information.

Eleventh round of informal consultations of States Parties to the Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 69/109 of 9 December 2014, the eleventh round of informal consultations of States Parties to the Agreement will be held on Monday, 16 and Tuesday, 17 March 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 2.

Pursuant to paragraph 46 of the resolution, States, and entities that are not parties to the Agreement, as well as organizations, institutions, programmes, bodies and specialized agencies, and relevant non-governmental organizations are also invited to attend as observers.

The informal consultations will serve primarily as a preparatory meeting for the resumed Review Conference on the United Nations Fish Stocks Agreement to be held in New York for one week in the first part of 2016. An event to commemorate the twentieth anniversary of the opening for signature of the Agreement will be held on Tuesday, 17 March 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00, in the context of the informal consultations.

Delegations that have not done so are kindly reminded to submit the names of their representatives participating in the Informal Consultations to the Division *by Friday, 13 March 2015* (e-mail doalos@un.org; Room DC2-450; fax 1 (917) 367-0560).

General Assembly
Security Council

Peacebuilding Commission
Ninth session

Organizational Committee

A formal meeting of the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission will be held on Wednesday, 11 March 2015, at 10:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. An informal meeting will be held immediately following the adjournment of the formal meeting.

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf
Thirty-seventh session

There will be closed meetings of the subcommissions established by the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf from Monday, 16 to Friday, 20 March 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, at the Geographic Information System laboratories (Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, DC2 Building, 4th Floor).

Economic and Social Council
2015 session

Informal consultations

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution of the operational activities segment (E/2015/L.3) convened by the Vice-President of the Council, Her Excellency María Emma Mejía Vélez (Colombia), and facilitated by Ms. Marcela Ordoñez (Colombia) will be held on Wednesday, 11 March 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00, and on Thursday, 12 March 2015, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 8.

Informal briefings for non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council

There will be three consecutive informal briefings for non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council on Monday, 16 March 2015, at 15:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The first will be a briefing by the Vice-President of the Council, Her Excellency María Emma Mejía Vélez (Colombia), on the Council's ongoing dialogue on the longer-term positioning of the United Nations development system. The second will be a briefing by the Vice-President of the Council, His Excellency Vladimir Drobnjak (Croatia), on the preparations for the integration segment of the 2015 session of the Council, to be held from Monday, 30 March to Wednesday, 1 April 2015, at United Nations Headquarters.

The third will be a briefing by the Vice-President of the Council, His Excellency Mohamed Khaled Khiari (Tunisia), on the preparations for the humanitarian affairs segment of the 2015 session of the Council, to be held from Wednesday, 17 to Friday, 19 June 2015, at the United Nations Office in Geneva.

For further information on the ongoing dialogue on the longer-term positioning of the United Nations development system, please contact Mr. Kirit Patel, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination (e-mail patelk@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3944). For further information on the integration segment, please contact Ms. Sibel Selcuk, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination (e-mail selcuk@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-5019). For further information on the humanitarian affairs segment, please contact Mr. Guillaume Fardel, Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (e-mail fardel@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4814).

Integration segment (30 March-1 April 2015)

The integration segment, chaired by the Vice-President of the Council, His Excellency Vladimir Drobnjak (Croatia), will be held from Monday, 30 March, to Wednesday, 1 April 2015, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Pursuant to Council decision 2015/204, the theme for the segment is "Achieving sustainable development through employment creation and decent work". The segment will include interactive panel discussions and dialogues. For additional information, including the draft programme and related side events, please consult the Website of the Council (*click here*) or contact Ms. Sibel Selcuk, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, (e-mail selcuk@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-5019).

General discussion and list of speakers

The general discussion of the integration segment will be held on Tuesday, 31 March 2015, from 17:00 to 18:00, and on Wednesday, 1 April, from 11:00 to 13:00. Requests for inscription on the list of speakers should be sent, *in writing*, with the full name and title of the speaker, to the Secretary of the Council, Ms. Jennifer de Laurentis (c/o Mr. Paolo Dua (e-mail duap@un.org; Room S-1285)). Inscriptions to the list of speakers will close by 17:00 of the preceding day. The time limit set for statements during the general discussion is *seven minutes* for speakers on behalf of groups and *five minutes* for individual delegations.

Coordination and management meeting (8-10 April 2015)

The coordination and management meeting chaired by the Vice-President of the Council, His Excellency Oh Joon (Republic of Korea), will be held from Wednesday, 8 to Friday, 10 April 2015, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Information on the meeting will be made available on the website of the Council in due course.

Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments

The Council will hold elections to fill vacancies in the membership of its subsidiary bodies during the April coordination and management meeting. The list of subsidiary bodies on which the Council will take action is contained in document E/2015/1/Add.1.

Delegations and the Chairs of the regional groups are invited to submit their nominations *no later* than Friday, 20 March 2015, to Ms. Sangeeta Sharma (sharma7@un.org) with a copy to Ms. Mary Constable (constablem@un.org) or by mail to ECOSOC Affairs Branch (Room S-1275; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

A list of candidates for these elections and supporting documentation are available on Candiweb by *clicking here*.

List of participants

Delegations are kindly requested to send the names of their representatives and alternates attending the meetings of the Council to the Secretary of the Council, Ms. Jennifer de Laurentis (c/o Ms. Jacqueline Aidenbaum (e-mail aidenbaum@un.org; Room S-1271; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail. Delegations are advised that only one list of participants will be issued at the end of the 2015 session of the Council, containing the names of the participants to all the meetings of the Council.

Statements and PaperSmart arrangements

Delegations are reminded that PaperSmart services will be available for the duration of the 2015 session of the Council. Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the Council's PaperSmart Portal (please *click here*) should send a copy of the statement at least *one hour in advance* of delivery to papersmart2@un.org. The date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be made available on the Council's PaperSmart Portal only after delivery by delegations.

Commission on Population and Development

Briefing on organizational matters and logistics

The Chair of the Commission on Population and Development, Her Excellency Bénédicte Frankinet (Belgium), will hold a briefing on organizational matters and logistics of the forty-eighth session of the Commission, on Thursday, 12 March 2015, from 13:15 to 14:30, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. All interested members of delegations, representatives of non-governmental organizations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

Forty-eighth session

The forty-eighth session of the Commission on Population and Development will be held from Monday, 13 to Friday, 17 April 2015. The first meeting will be convened on Monday, 13 April, at 10:00, in Conference Room 4.

The provisional agenda of the session and the proposed organization of work are contained in documents E/CN.9/2015/1 and E/CN.9/2015/L.1, respectively. To consult background information and official documents for the session, please *click here*.

Participation and seating arrangements

Members of the Commission wishing to attend the session are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Sonia Elliott (e-mail elliotts@un.org; Room S-3064; fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Member States that are not members of the Commission, non-member States, observers, United Nations agencies, funds and programmes and Regional Commissions are also requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the secretariat in advance of the session. Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Kindly note that only those observers who have confirmed their participation, will be provided a nameplate on the floor of Conference Room 4 on the opening day. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Lists of speakers

The opening of the list of speakers for the general debate will be announced in due course.

In accordance with the programme of work, the general discussion under agenda item 4 (General debate on national experience in population matters: realizing the future we want: integrating population issues into sustainable development, including in the post-2015 development agenda), will be held from Monday, 13 April 2015 (for more details, please consult the organization of work in document E/CN.9/2015/L.1).

Delegations are advised that statements made by individual States should not exceed *five minutes*; statements made on behalf of a group of States should not exceed *ten minutes*; and statements made by observers should not exceed *four minutes*.

Participation of non-governmental organizations

For information on the participation of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in the work of the Commission, please *click here*.

Election of the Bureau of the forty-ninth session

The Commission will hold the first meeting of its forty-ninth session for the sole purpose of electing a new Chair and other members of the Bureau, immediately following the closure of its forty-eighth session.

Side events

Information on side events, or activities organized outside the formal programme of the session of the Commission can be accessed by *clicking here*.

Committee for Programme and Coordination
Fifty-fifth session
Organizational session

The organizational session of the fifty-fifth session of the Committee for Programme and Coordination will be held on Thursday, 23 April 2015, at 10:00, in Conference Room 5, for the purpose of electing its Bureau.

The Committee will also have before it the annotated provisional agenda for the session (E/AC.51/2015/1), the note by the Secretariat on the status of preparedness of documentation (E/AC.51/2015/L.1) and the note by the Secretariat on the list of reports of the Joint Inspection Unit (E/AC.51/2015/L.2).

Members of the Committee wishing to attend the session are kindly requested to communicate, in a note verbale of their permanent mission to the United Nations in New York, the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Committee for Programme and Coordination, Ms. Sharon Van Buerle (e-mail cpc@un.org; Room S-3241; fax 1 (212) 963-0360). Please note that only scanned copies of the note verbale will be accepted by e-mail.

Member States that are not members of the Committee and would like to participate as observers are also requested to communicate, in a note verbale of their permanent

mission to the United Nations in New York, the composition of their delegations to the secretariat well in advance of the scheduled organizational session.

2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

The 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) will be held from Monday, 27 April to Friday, 22 May 2015, at Headquarters. The opening meeting will take place on Monday, 27 April, at 10:30, in the General Assembly Hall.

The United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs has prepared an information note for States parties, observer States and intergovernmental organizations, contained in document NPT/CONF.2015/INF/1/Rev.1*.

Further information for participants will be made available, in due course, in the *Journal* and on the Website of the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (*click here*).

Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals convened by permanent missions

The agenda of the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/69/251 and A/69/252. The meetings under this header are closed.

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for Democracy and Economic Development — GUAM" (under agenda item 123 (p)) (convened by the Permanent Mission of Ukraine)

Wednesday, 11 March 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 12.

Forthcoming other meetings

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Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

Wednesday, 11 March 2015, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 5.

International Criminal Court: Bureau of the Assembly of States Parties

Thursday, 12 March 2015, from 10:00 to 11:30, in Conference Room 12.

International Criminal Court: New York Working Group of the Assembly of States Parties

Thursday, 12 March 2015, from 11:30 to 13:00, in Conference Room 12.

International Criminal Court: Working Group on Amendments

Monday, 16 March 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 12.

Forthcoming other activities

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Briefing on "The information and communications technology (ICT) Strategy Implementation" (to the Fifth Committee experts) (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Morocco and the Office of Information and Communications Technology (OICT))

Wednesday, 11 March 2015, from 13:30 to 14:45, in Conference Room 5.

[For further information, please contact Mr. Hicham Oussihamou, Permanent Mission of Morocco (e-mail hicham.oussihamou@gmail.com; tel. 1 (973) 928-9614).]

Workshop on "Women negotiating peace: Twenty years after Beijing" (organized by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) New York Office)

Wednesday, 18 March 2015, from 09:45 to 17:00, in Conference Room B; and

Thursday, 19 March 2015, from 09:45 to 17:00, in Conference Room B.

[All permanent missions are invited. For further information, please contact the UNITAR New York Office (e-mail nyo@unitar.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196); to register, please *click here*.]

Forthcoming official meetings held away from Headquarters

General Assembly

Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction
Sendai, Japan (14-18 March 2015)

The Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction will be held from Saturday, 14 to Wednesday, 18 March 2015, in the Sendai International Centre, Sendai, Japan, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 68/211 of 20 December 2013. Also, the Preparatory Committee for the Conference will hold its third session on 13 March 2015 in Sendai.

A note by the Secretariat containing information for participants has been issued as document A/CONF.224/INF/1.

List of speakers for the plenary meetings

Inscription on the list of speakers for the plenary meetings of the Conference (item 8 of the provisional agenda (A/CONF.224/1), "General exchange of views") *is open.*

All delegations wishing to inscribe are kindly requested to contact the Secretariat, in writing, by e-mail (Ms. Antonina Poliakova (poliakova@un.org)) indicating the name and title of the speaker. The list of speakers for the general exchange of views will be established on a first-come first-served basis, with the customary protocol that ensures that Heads of States or Government speak first, followed by other heads of delegation. It is proposed that a time limit of *five minutes* be established for each statement.

All delegations prior to delivery of the statement are kindly requested to email a copy of their statement to wcdrr2015@un.org, indicating in the subject line, "Statement and Name of Country or Organization". Where possible, statements should be provided one day in advance of delivery or *at least 3 hours before* delivery of statement.

In addition to the representatives of States participating in the Conference and the representative of the European Union, representatives of the following organizations may, time permitting and without setting a precedent, make a statement under agenda item 9 (Statements by inter-governmental and other organizations) and item 10 (Statements by non-governmental organizations) of the provisional agenda in accordance with the provisional rules of procedure of the Conference (A/CONF.224/3): (a) intergovernmental organizations and other entities that have received a standing invitation from the General Assembly to participate in the capacity of observer in the sessions and work of all international conferences convened under its auspices; (b) specialized agencies and related organizations; (c) other intergovernmental organizations; (d) interested United Nations organs; and (e) associate members of regional commissions. The representatives of the non-governmental organizations and other major groups may also be added to the list of speakers. Representatives of these organizations and entities may contact the Secretariat (Ms. Maria Pamela Portillo (e-mail portillo@un.org) to be inscribed in the list of speakers.

Ministerial roundtables

The topics of the five ministerial roundtables are "Governing Disaster Risk: Overcoming Challenges"; "International Cooperation in support of a Post-2015 Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction"; "Reducing Disaster Risk in Urban Settings"; "Reconstructing after Disasters: Build Back Better" and "Public Investment Strategies for Disaster Risk Reduction".

The roundtables will be interactive and multi-stakeholder in nature, with 45 seats each: up to 40 for Government delegations and at least 5 for other participants, including representatives of observers, entities of the United Nations system and other accredited intergovernmental organizations and major groups. Member States and other participants are encouraged to be represented at the roundtables at the highest possible level. In a Note Verbale dated 28 November 2014, delegations were requested to submit three choices, in order of preference, together with the name, title and email address of the participating minister and delegate to the Secretariat (e-mail palm@un.org, with a copy to goldfinch@un.org). Concept notes on the ministerial roundtables are available on the Conference website.

High-level multi-stakeholder partnership dialogues

The topics of the three high-level multi-stakeholder partnership dialogues are "Mobilizing Women's Leadership in Disaster Risk Reduction", "Risk Sensitive

Investment: Public-Private Partnerships", and "Inclusive Disaster Risk Management: Governments, Communities and Groups Acting Together".

The high-level multi-stakeholder partnership dialogues will be interactive and open to all conference participants. There will be no prepared list of speakers. At the discretion of the Chair or Chairs, priority in the order of speakers will be given to those speaking at the level of Head of State or Government or at the ministerial level, followed by high-level representatives of other stakeholders. The dialogues will aim to achieve a balance among speakers from all stakeholders. In order to provide for maximum participation, interventions should not exceed *three minutes*. Representatives of States are invited to indicate to the Secretariat by e-mail (palm@un.org, with a copy to goldfinch@un.org) if they will be represented in a partnership dialogue at the level of Head of State or Government or at the ministerial level. Concept notes on the high-level multi-stakeholder partnership dialogues are available on the Conference website.

Credentials

In accordance with rule 3 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Conference, the credentials of representatives and names of alternate representatives and advisers should be addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, and delivered to the Office of Legal Affairs located on the 36th floor of the Secretariat Building (Attn. Ms. Tomoko Iwata, Room 3-3606; or Mr. Keiichiro Okimoto, Room S-3639). The credentials shall be issued either by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister of Foreign Affairs or, in the case of the European Union, by the President of the European Commission.

Accreditation

Accreditation of official delegations of States, intergovernmental organizations and associate members of regional commissions, as well as specialized agencies and related organizations, is handled by the United Nations Protocol and Liaison Service via the online system "eAccreditation". Submission of online accreditation requests for members of the delegations via "eAccreditation" system must be handled by permanent/observer missions and offices in New York, who have already been registered and provided with secured login credential (password). Delegations wishing to attend the conference are advised to coordinate with their missions/offices in New York for timely submission of accreditation requests.

For detailed guideline on accreditation to the conference, please refer to the Protocol note verbale of 13 January 2015 (PRO/NV/WCDRR 2015/ARRANGEMENTS) posted on the protocol website www.un.int/protocol.

Additional information on the Conference is also available on the Conference website (*click here*).

Announcements

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following trainings (in English) for delegates and staff of permanent missions, at the Library Building, Room L-166 (First Floor), for the month of *March*:

Finding Speeches

Country and Map Resources for the United Nations Community

Introduction to Library Services

Introduction to United Nations Budget Documents

Introduction to United Nations Documents

Law Library Overview

Voting Information

All interested are kindly requested to register by accessing the Library Training Calendar (www.un.org/depts/dhl/).

For more information, please contact the Library (e-mail library-ny@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3000).

United Nations Programme of Fellowships on Disarmament: Call for nominations

The Office for Disarmament Affairs (ODA) wishes to draw the attention of Member States to its note verbale ODA/02-2015/FP, inviting nominations to the United Nations Programme of Fellowships on Disarmament. The *deadline is Friday, 17 April 2015*.

For permanent missions that have not yet received this note verbale, please contact Ms. Jenny Fuchs, ODA (e-mail fuchs@un.org).

Credentials for forthcoming elections of members of United Nations human rights treaty bodies

With a view to facilitating the timely submission of credentials for all meetings of States parties convened to elect members of human rights treaty bodies, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights wishes to give all States parties to the international human rights treaties advance notice that the following meetings of States parties will take place in 2015:

Third Meeting of States Parties to the *International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance* (Tuesday, 23 June 2015) to elect five members of the Committee on Enforced Disappearance (for general information *click here*);

Twenty-sixth Meeting of States Parties to the *International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination* (Thursday, 25 June 2015) to elect nine members of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (for general information *click here*); and

Seventh Meeting of States Parties to the *International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families* (Tuesday, 30 June 2015) to elect seven members of the Committee on Migrant Workers (for general information *click here*).

The rules of procedure of each meeting require delegations to submit credentials to the Secretary-General *prior to the meeting*. Many delegations fail to provide such credentials in time and the Secretariat continues to receive obsolete credentials many months after the meetings have concluded. All States Parties are kindly requested to put

in place the necessary arrangements to ensure that credentials for each of these meetings are submitted *no later than* one week before the meeting.

Delegations are reminded that the credentials of representatives and the names of members of the delegation must be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Original copies of credentials and names of delegates for all of the above mentioned meetings, duly signed by the Head of State or Government or Foreign Minister, should be submitted to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in New York (Attn. Mr. Nenad Vasić (e-mail vasic@un.org; Room S-1309)). For any clarifications on these elections, please consult the OHCHR's guide on treaty body elections (*click here*), or contact Mr. Vasić, OHCHR (e-mail vasic@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5998).

Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development

In paragraph 20 of its resolution 68/279, the General Assembly invited all Member States and other potential donors to consider contributing generously to the Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development, in order to support the activities involved in the preparations for the Third International Conference on Financing for Development (Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 13-16 July 2015) and the travel and participation of representatives from developing countries, in particular the least developed countries.

In accordance with the terms of reference of the Trust Fund, voluntary contributions may be received from Governments, intergovernmental and nongovernmental organizations, private institutions and individuals. For additional information, please contact Ms. Dominika Halka (e-mail halka@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-6653).

Press kit for the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly

The press kit for the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly is now available online in all six official languages. Produced by the Department of Public Information (DPI), in cooperation with the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM), the kit is paper-free. Print-on-demand versions are available on the General Assembly website (*click here*), or via the PaperSmart portal (*click here*).

***Repertoire* of the Practice of the Security Council (Fifteenth Supplement - 2004-2007 (Vols. I and II))**

The Department of Political Affairs recently published the fifteenth Supplement to the *Repertoire* of the Practice of the Security Council, covering the years from 2004 to 2007. The *Repertoire* is designed to assist government officials, practitioners of international law, academics and all those interested in the work of the United Nations to follow the

evolving practice of the Council and gain a better understanding of the framework in which it operates.

For paper copies of the Fifteenth Supplement, please contact Mr. Louis Giordano, Meetings Support Section (tel. 1 (212) 963-7288).

Later supplements covering the period 2008 to 2011 are available in their advance version on line by *clicking here*.

Calendar of conferences and meetings

The 2015 calendar of conferences and meetings is available and posted on the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) website, or can be consulted by *clicking here*.

Summary of official meetings

Monday, 9 March 2015

Security Council

[archived video]

7402nd meeting

Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and subregional organizations in maintaining international peace and security – European Union

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President invited Her Excellency Federica Mogherini, High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy of the European Union, to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a statement by the Secretary-General, His Excellency Ban Ki-moon.

The Council heard a briefing by Her Excellency Federica Mogherini.

Statements were made by the representatives of Spain, the United Kingdom, Angola, Lithuania, Jordan, the Russian Federation, Chile, Malaysia, New Zealand, the United States, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Nigeria, China and Chad, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of France.

Her Excellency Federica Mogherini made further remarks.

General Assembly

Sixty-ninth session

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

First part of the resumed session

[archived video]

31st meeting

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [item 131]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Procurement

The Assistant Secretary-General, Office of Central Support Services introduced the report of the Secretary-General on United Nations procurement activities (A/69/710).

The Vice-Chair of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/69/809).

Inspector Cihan Terzi, Joint Inspection Unit, introduced the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Review of long-term agreements in procurement in the United Nations system" (A/69/73).

The Senior Adviser on Information management Policy Coordination of the Secretariat of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination introduced the note by the Secretary-General transmitting his comments and those of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Review of long-term agreements in procurement in the United Nations system" (A/69/73/Add.1).

Statements were made by the representatives of South Africa (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the European Union (also on behalf of the candidate countries Turkey, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Albania; the country of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidate Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as Ukraine, the Republic of Moldova and Armenia, which aligned themselves with the statement), the United States and the Russian Federation.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on this question.

The Vice-Chair (Costa Rica) informed the Committee that informal consultations on this question would be held immediately following the adjournment of the formal meeting on that day, Monday, 9 March, and would be coordinated by Ms. Maria Holzmann (Austria).

The Vice-Chair (Costa Rica) further informed the Committee that informal consultations would be held in the afternoon on that day, Monday, 9 March, on agenda item 132 (Programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015) on the questions of: Umoja/Enterprise resources planning, which would be coordinated by Mr. Conrad Lamont Sheck (Canada); Reform of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions operational arrangements, which would be coordinated by Mr. Karim Samir Ismail Aisayed (Egypt); and United Nations Partnerships Facility, which would be coordinated by Ms. Elina Lemmetty-Hartoneva (Finland).

Economic and Social Council

Commission on the Status of Women
Fifty-ninth session

[archived video]

2nd meeting

The Vice-Chair-cum-Rapporteur (Sudan) of the Commission opened the session.

Election of officers [item 1]

Election of the Chair

The Commission elected Her Excellency Kanda Vajrabhaya (Thailand) as Chair of the fifty-ninth session.

Election of officers

The Chair recalled that the Commission had elected the following bureau members at the first meeting as Vice-Chairs: His Excellency Carlos Enrique García González (El Salvador), Mr. Mohamed Elbahi (Sudan), Ms. Pille Kesler (Estonia) and Ms. Christine Low (Switzerland) for the fifth-eighth and fifty-ninth sessions.

The Commission subsequently elected His Excellency Rubén Zamora (El Salvador) to replace His Excellency Carlos Enrique García González (El Salvador) as the Vice-Chair for the remainder of the fifty-ninth session.

Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters [item 2]

The Commission adopted its provisional agenda (E/CN.6/2015/1), and approved its organization of work (E/CN.6/2015/1/Add.1), on the understanding that further adjustments would be made, if necessary, during the course of the session.

The Commission agreed that the Chair's summary of the high-level round table and the Moderators' summaries of the panel discussions would be reflected in the report on the session and the website of the UN-Women.

Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" [item 3]

The Commission began its consideration of agenda item 3.

The Chair made a statement.

Statements were also made by the Secretary-General of the United Nations; the President of the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly; the President of the Security Council for the month of March (France); the Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations; the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme; the Executive Director of the Association for Women's Rights in Development; as well as by a representative of the Voice of Libyan Women and member of the UN-Women Global Civil Society Advisory Committee.

A keynote address was delivered by Her Excellency Patricia Licuanan, Chair of the Commission on Higher Education of the Philippines.

A statement was made by Her Excellency Song Xiuyan, Minister and Vice-Chair of the National Working Committee on children and Women under the State Council of China, as representative of the Host Country of Fourth World Conference on Women.

*Action on draft resolution E/CN.6/2015/L.1**

The Commission adopted draft resolution E/CN.6/2015/L.1*, which contained the political declaration on the occasion of the twentieth anniversary of the Fourth World Conference on Women.

The Commission subsequently heard introductory statements by the Under-Secretary-General for the Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women and Executive Director of UN-Women; and the Chair of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women.

General discussion

The Commission began its general discussion of agenda item 3 as a whole.

Statements were made by the representatives of Sudan (on behalf of the Group of African States), Ecuador (on behalf of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States), Guyana (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), Brazil (on behalf of MERCOSUR), the Islamic Republic of Iran, Thailand, China, Germany, the Niger, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Ghana, the Republic of Korea, Ecuador, Indonesia and Jamaica.

Statements were also made by the observers for South Africa (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Latvia (on behalf of the European Union, as well as the candidate countries Turkey, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Albania; the country of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidate Bosnia and Herzegovina; as well as Georgia, which aligned themselves with the statement), Tonga (on behalf of the Pacific Small Island Developing States), Malawi (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community), Guatemala (on behalf of the Central American Integration System), Brunei Darussalam (on behalf of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations), Guatemala, Gambia, Zambia, Kyrgyzstan, Bahrain, Sweden, South Africa, Liechtenstein, the Philippines, Denmark, Azerbaijan, Luxembourg, Grenada, France, Malta, Costa Rica, New Zealand, the Bahamas, Samoa, Cambodia, Fiji, Viet Nam, Mozambique, Ethiopia, Nigeria, Algeria, Honduras, Angola, Chile, Morocco, the Plurinational State of Bolivia and Tonga.

Organization of work

The Chair made a statement.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

The dates indicated correspond to the dates of receipt of the relevant documents, except for the signatures.

International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. New York, 16 December 1966

Ratification: Belize (9 March 2015)

General information

Chairs of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *March 2015* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Namibia
His Excellency Wilfried Emvula

Asia-Pacific States:
Yemen
His Excellency Khaled Hussein Mohamed Alyemany

Eastern European States:
Slovenia
His Excellency Andrej Logar

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Jamaica
His Excellency Courtenay Rattray

Western European and other States:
Belgium
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